मात्रात्मक वृद्धि के संबंध में इस प्रकार की शिक्षा में गुणात्मक सुधार और तकनीकी शिक्षा प्रणाली में मान-दण्डों और स्तरों के विनियमन तथा उचित अनुरक्षण और उनसे संबंधित मामलों के लिए अखिल भारतीय तकनीकी शिक्षा परिषद अधिनियम, 1967 के माध्यम से अखिल भारतीय तकनीकी शिक्षा परिषद नामक एक सांविधिक निकाय का गठन किया है। अतः तकनीकी शिक्षा के लिए अलग से विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग के गठन का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है।

Extension of Electric Trains from Arakonam to Katpadi

3001. SHRI R. MARGABANDU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to further extend electric trains from Arakonam to Katpadi, which are operating only upto Arakonam from Chennai; and

(b) whether there is a proposal to operate train service from Salem to Bangalore, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Following trains are proposed to be diverted via. Bangalore-Hosur-Salem:

1. 6525/6526 Bangalore-Kanniyakumari Express(daily).
2. 6335/6336 Nagercoil-Gandhidham Express (weekly).
3. 6337/6338 Cochin-Rajkot Express (weekly).
4. 6521/6522 Bangalore-Quilon Express (weekly).

In addition, it is also proposed to introduce a pair of passenger trains between Bangalore and Salem via. Hosur.

Amount Allocated to Punjab for Vocational Education

3002. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allotted to Punjab for providing vocational education to the students during the last three years;

(b) the amount actually released for the purpose; and

(c) the number of vocational institutions sanctioned by Government and the number of such institutions functioning in Punjab at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Vocationalisation of Secondary Education, grants are released to the State Governments on the basis of proposals received from them, utilisation position and progress made in implementation of the programme. During the last three years, following funds were released to the Government of Punjab:

(In lakhs)

Years	Amount released
1993-94	253.74
1994-95	265.02
1995-96	434.53

(c) So far 846 vocational sections have been sanctioned in 282 schools in Punjab of which the State Government has operationalised 486 sections in 162 schools.